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In re application of: Aravinda Corala	
For: Apparatus and Method for Providing Transaction Services	
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Preliminary Amendment

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to first official action in the above application, currently commencing US national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

✓ Please cancel claims 1-33 as filed and amended in PCT application
PCT/GB99/00927.

Please enter the following new claims:

34. A method for providing transaction services comprising the steps of:

operating a computer based transaction machine controlled by at least one software application to effect a transaction service;

interacting said software application with a functional interface of a middleware software which extends the functionality of a computer operating system, the computer operating system providing control functions of said computer based transaction machine;

wherein said transaction machine is coupled to at least one transaction device; and